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14. (Confidential - GLC) John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called with references to current press items on the possibility of a major military offensive in North Vietnam and asked if we could fill him in on the situation in the next day or two.

Later in the day I took to Goldsmith's office where he gave him a briefing on the subject. Goldsmith was most appreciative and said he might contact us again on this subject in the next day or two.

Armed Services Committee, and left with him a rough draft of a proposed letter to Chairman McClellan, Senate Appropriations Committee, from the Director expressing concern over section 406 of the HUD appropriations bill (H.R. 15572) as reported by the Senate Appropriations Committee. I also left with Braswell material prepared by the Office of Finance on Economy Act fund transfers to and from other Government agencies during FY 1974 and briefed him on certain types of transfers represented by these figures. I believe Braswell has a much better grasp of the magnitude of this problem now. I told him the draft letter would need polishing and coordination and I would be in touch with him further about it.

I briefed Braswell on the latest developments on a sensitive project and told him that Carl Duckett would probably be up to brief him in more detail by the first of next week.

I also mentioned to Braswell our negotiations with Senator Proxmire's people on a possible briefing on the Soviet space program (Subcommittee on Housing and Urban Development, Space, Science, and Veterans, Appropriations Committee.)

16. (Unclassified - GLC) In response to her call of yesterday, I advised Phyllis Bacon, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, that we were preparing a letter to the Chairman which would cover both Senator Stennis' bill to amend the National Security Act (S. 2597) and Senator Proxmire's version on these amendments (S. 3767).

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